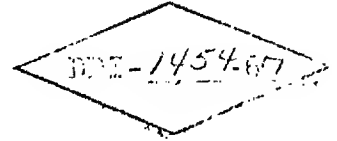
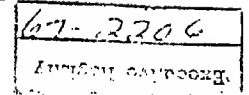


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Mr. Richard Helms  
Central Intelligence Agency  
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Dear Dick:

During this year's Congressional hearings on the AID bill, interest in Communist aid activities has again been strong. This interest is being evidenced in a variety of questions from committee members on bloc aid flows, amounts received by aid recipients, terms of credits, repayments and so forth.

I understand that the Office of Research and Reports in your agency has been especially helpful in enabling us to prepare appropriate and timely replies. The annual report of the interagency Economic Intelligence Committee, published by CIA, also has proven an invaluable aid as a reference source for quick briefing purposes and for obtaining particular detail on various aspects of the bloc program.

I realize that sometimes our requests may have constituted a burden superimposed upon an already heavy workload, but the intelligence on this subject is important to us. I should therefore, like to express my appreciation to the staff of ORR who have been assisting us in AID and also to the members of the EIC working group who prepare the regular reports on bloc aid activities.

Sincerely yours,

William S. Gaud

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